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LD 1259

Dear Committee members,

I urge you to vote in favor of LD 1259.

Immigration is under the jurisdiction of the federal government not local, county or state law enforcement.

LD 1259 prohibits state or local law enforcement agencies or officers from entering into contracts with federal immigration enforcement authorities that grants federal immigration enforcement authority or powers to the law enforcement agency.

I believe this legislation is critical at this time when we are witnessing people being detained by ICE without appropriate legal procedures. Many are U.S. citizens or legal residents who are exercising their first amendment rights nonviolently. Others are just being profiled and arrested without cause.

Further, the federal government is ignoring the courts when told to cease or remedy their so-called mistakes. Their actions are not following the rule of law or due process. Respect for our government is diminishing. Let's not make our law enforcement agencies in Maine complicit.

Our law enforcement agencies in Maine should not be involved in these undisciplined and illegal activities. They are here to serve and protect the people who live in Maine.

We must ALWAYS follow "the rule of law".

Thanks you for considering my perspective.